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Office Action Summary

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on December 30, 2003.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-53 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-53 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☒ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO/SE/US)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date August 6, 2004
- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date _____
- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application
- 6) ☐ Other: _____

DETAILED ACTION

1. Claims 1-53 have been presented for examination.

Priority

2. This application claims benefit of a United States Provisional Application Number 60/443,350 filed February 1, 2003, United States Patent Application 10/135,180 filed on April 30, 2002, United States Patent Application 10/424,553 filed April 28, 2003 and United States Patent Application 10/659,760 filed September 10, 2003. Applicant's claim for the benefit of these prior-filed applications is acknowledged.

Information Disclosure Statement

3. The examiner has reviewed the patents and articles supplied in the Information Disclosure Statements (IDS) provided on August 6, 2004.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

4. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless -
(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

4. Claims 1-53 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being unpatentable over United States Patent Number 5,935,099, Peterson, et al., hereinafter Peterson.

5. As per claim 1, Peterson teaches a multi-purpose user interface for a healthcare user interface having a medical device and a first central computer, the user interface comprising: a housing, (column 3, lines 65-67); a processor, (column 5, lines 17-28); a memory, (column 5, lines 17-28); a communications interface for providing communication between the user interface and the medical device and for providing communications between the user interface and the first central computer, (column 5, lines 29-34); and, a display for displaying a medical prompt and for displaying medical information received from the first central computer, (column 5, lines 59-65).
6. As per claim 2, Peterson teaches the user interface of claim 1 as described above. Peterson further teaches wherein the housing comprises means for removable connection to the medical device, (column 27, lines 14-19).
7. As per claim 3, Peterson teaches the user interface of claim 1 as described above. Peterson further teaches wherein the medical device is a controller for a medical device, (column 8, lines 1-13).
8. As per claim 4, Peterson teaches the user interface of claim 1 as described above. Peterson further teaches wherein the user interface is structured to control the operation of medical device, (column 5, lines 35-49).

9. As per claim 5, Peterson teaches the user interface of claim 1 as described above.

Peterson further teaches wherein the first central computer is structured control the operation of the medical device, (column 5, lines 35-49).

10. As per claim 6, Peterson teaches the user interface of claim 1 as described above.

Peterson further teaches wherein the medical device is a MEMS pump, (column 5, lines 65-67 and column 6, lines 1-26).

11. As per claim 7, Peterson teaches the user interface of claims 1 and 6 as described above.

Peterson further teaches wherein the MEMS pump is integral with a line set, (column 6, lines 46-54).

12. As per claim 8, Peterson teaches the user interface of claims 1 and 6 as described above.

Peterson further teaches wherein the MEMS pump comprises an identifier for identifying the MEMS pump to at least one of the first central server and the user interface, (column 8, lines 29-42).

13. As per claim 9, Peterson teaches the user interface of claim 1 as described above.

Peterson further teaches a thin-client operating user interface for operating the interface; and a first listener task received from the first central computer to listen for medical information from the first central computer, (column 22, lines 18-25).

14. As per claim 10, Peterson teaches the user interface of claims 1 and 9 as described above.

Peterson further teaches a second listener task received from the first central computer to listen for medical information from the medical device, (column 22, lines 26-39).

15. As per claim 11, Peterson teaches the user interface of claim 1 as described above.

Peterson further teaches wherein the communications interface is a wireless communications interface for communicating with a wireless access point, (column 22, lines 64-67).

16. As per claim 12, Peterson teaches the user interface of claim 1 as described above.

Peterson further teaches wherein the user interface is structured to receive status information regarding the operation of the medical device, and display the status information on the display, (column 24, lines 54-67 and column 25, lines 1- 46).

17. As per claim 13, Peterson teaches the user interface of claim 1 as described above.

Peterson further teaches wherein the medical device is one of at least a volumetric infusion pump and a syringe pump, and wherein the user interface is structured to program the medical device with at least one of an infusion rate, a volume to infuse, and a start time, (column 4, lines 33-52).

18. As per claim 14, Peterson teaches the user interface of claim 1 as described above.

Peterson further teaches wherein the medical prompt is an infusion prompt displayed on the display of the user interface and wherein the infusion prompt comprises an infusion prompt for at least two channels controlled by the medical device, (column 29, lines 4-24).

19. As per claim 15, Peterson teaches the user interface of claim 1 as described above.

Peterson further teaches wherein the means for removable connection to the medical device also comprises means for removable connection to a second medical device, (column 27, lines 14-19).

20. As per claim 16, Peterson teaches the user interface of claim 1 as described above.

Peterson further teaches wherein the communications interface also provides for communication between the user interface and a second medical device, (column 5, lines 29-34).

21. As per claim 17, Peterson teaches the user interface of claim 1 as described above.

Peterson further teaches wherein the medical device is a pump controller, (column 5, lines 65-67 and column 6, lines 1-26), and

wherein the medical prompt displayed on the display of the user interface comprises a first infusion prompt for the pump controller and a second infusion prompt for a second pump controller, (column 4, lines 33-52).

22. As per claim 18, Peterson teaches the user interface of claim 1 as described above.

Peterson further teaches wherein the user interface is structured to display a selection prompt on the display for selecting at least one medical device to associate the user interface with, (column 4, lines 33-52).

23. As per claim 19, Peterson teaches the user interface of claims 1 and 18 as described above. Peterson further teaches wherein the at least one medical device is of a first type and another medical device is of a second type, and wherein the user interface is structured to operate in accordance with a first personality associated with the first type and is structured to operate in accordance with a second personality associated with the second type, (column 4, lines 33-52).

24. As per claim 20, Peterson teaches the user interface of claims 1 and 18-19 as described above. Peterson further teaches wherein the first and second type is selected from a group

consisting of an infusion pump personality, a syringe pump personality, and a pulse oxymeter, (column 29, lines 4-24).

25. As per claim 21, Peterson teaches the user interface of claim 1 as described above.

Peterson further teaches wherein the user interface is structured to receive the identification of at least one medical device to associate the user interface with, (column 4, lines 33-52).

26. As per claim 22, Peterson teaches the user interface of claims 1 and 21 as described above. Peterson further teaches wherein the at least one medical device is of a first type and another medical device is of a second type, and wherein the user interface is structured to operate in accordance with a first personality associated with the first type and wherein the user interface is structured to operate in accordance with a second personality associated with the second type, (column 4, lines 33-52).

27. As per claim 23, Peterson teaches the user interface of claims 1 and 21-22 as described above. Peterson further teaches wherein the processor automatically programs the user interface to operate in accordance with the first type upon receipt of the identification of the at least one medical device, (column 4, lines 33-52).

28. As per claim 24, Peterson teaches the user interface of claim 1 as described above.

Peterson further teaches wherein the user interface is structured to send a request to the first central computer to locate an available and qualified clinician for the user interface, (column 5, lines 59-65).

29. As per claim 25, Peterson teaches the user interface of claims 1 and 24 as described above. Peterson further teaches wherein the first central computer sends a message to a clinician

device that the user interface is in need of attention, and receives a response from the clinician device that the clinician will attend to the user interface, (column 6, lines 55-60).

30. As per claim 26, Peterson teaches the user interface of claim 1 as described above.

Peterson further teaches wherein at least a subset of communications sent and received by the communications interface are secure communications, (column 7, lines 1-17).

31. As per claims 27-48, these claims are rejected for the same reasons as set forth in claims 1-26 above.

32. As per claims 49-50, these claims are rejected for the same reasons as set forth in claims 1-5 and 11.

33. As per claims 51-53, these claims are rejected for the same reasons as set forth in claims 1 and 11-12.

Conclusion

The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.

34. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Amber L. Altschul whose telephone number is (571) 270-1362.

The examiner can normally be reached on M-Th 7:30-5, F 7:30-4, every other Friday Off.

35. If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Gerald J. O'Connor can be reached on (571) 272-6787. The fax phone numbers for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned are (571) 273-8300.

36. Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the receptionist whose telephone number is (571) 272-8219.

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